

REMARKS

The Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to place the exemplary heteroatoms into dependent claims 7 and 8. Applicants further to the pending claims added a variety of dependent claims which are supported throughout Applicants' disclosure.

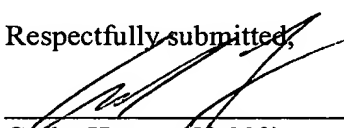
The Prior Art Rejections

Attached is a certified English translation of the priority document that predates all the prior art references used in the rejections. Thus, the claims are allowable.

In the priority document R is defined as "a single bond or methylene group." However, the priority document also provides support for the definition of R being an oxygen atom, NH group, or a sulfur atom. In the priority document the definition of R⁴ in paragraph [0015] on page 9 provides support for the broader definition of R. Upon reviewing the monomer units of formulae (2)-8 and (2)-9 (which are specific classes of the monomer units of formula (1)) in the priority application, one of ordinary skill in the art would readily understand that the group R⁴, i.e., the group located in the corresponding position of R in formula (1), is defined as "methylene group, oxygen atom, NH group or sulfur atom". This provides support for R being as defined in the same manner. No artisan of ordinary skill would have interpreted the R group of formula (1) to be restricted to only "a single bond or methylene group," when preferred compounds of formula (1) would be excluded by said limited definition.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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